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**MERE MENTION.**

From the daily of Tuesday.  
Everything is lovely.  
The post office building is on rollers.  
Mr. Guyot talks of moving out on his farm.  
Ripe plums are making their appearance in the market.  
Frank Wyman is slowly recovering from a serious illness.  
The work of having has practically ceased till after the Fourth.  
Very little amusements from dust will be experienced next Thursday.  
Somebody started a fire in Mr. Raisbeck's woodshed a few days ago.  
The man up in the moon will display his lantern on the night of the Fourth.  
Mr. P. B. Van Trump, of Yelm, was in the city today, and made a pleasant call at the office of the OLYMPIAN.  
Ed Lennox is bravely keeping lachlor's hall in a float house while his parents are east of the mountains.  
Business men are shading their store-fronts and to-morrow the streets of Olympia will be skirted with verdure.  
Hon. Edward Eldridge, member of the Constitutional Convention has arrived, and is calling on his old friends.  
A good many people from Shelton have been in the city this week buying supplies for their own celebration on Thursday.  
Lopping camps have generally shut down in the vicinity of Olympia and loggers are coming into town to have a good time.  
Several hotel proprietors have engaged vacant rooms and set up cot beds in them for the temporary accommodation of lodgers during the night of the Fourth.  
Mr. Charles W. Welch, representing the Bancroft Publishing company, is in the city, and he will be ready to wait upon the members of the Territorial Board of Education at their coming meeting.  
Conductor Brown, of the Chehalis Valley railroad, announces that the teachers and visitors coming to attend the Territorial Institute here will be charged full fare but returned at one-fourth the usual rate.  
Mr. John Byrne is just putting the finishing touches on his new building recently erected on Fourth street.  
The lower story has been fitted up into a first-class store room, which will in a few days be filled with a stock of groceries.  
There will evidently be pretty lively times during the session of the Educational Board, next week, as several princely publishing houses will be represented on that occasion, by their traveling agents. The adoption of text books for the public schools of the Territory, is growing, every year, a more important matter to the people.  
An inebriated individual of gigantic adroitness created a sensation last Sunday, by drawing a butcher knife on the Celestials employed at Young's hotel, causing a scattering of the heathen that for a time threatened to leave the guests without dinner. As it was probably an assault of whiskey more than individuality, we refrain from giving the name of the party.  
The Chicago Comedy Company performed at Columbia Hall, last evening, to a large audience, and they well deserved it. "The Diamond Mystery" was the play. It was well rendered. "If you don't believe it I'll show you the law." The part assumed by Peter Grump, kept the house in a good humor throughout the performance. They play again to-night with a change of programme and will appear every night this week, with a matinee on the 4th. All the plays of this company are new, and the prices of admission less than any first class company has ever had the courage to offer in this city.  
Mr. P. Dolan returned Saturday evening, from a somewhat extended visit to the land of his nativity—the Emerald Isle. It is about a life-time since he had set foot on the bogs of old Ireland, and his visit was, therefore, like one of the pilgrims to the sacred shrine of Mecca or a son returning to the mother for many years of wandering. He returns satisfied with his visit. He will return contented in the new State of Washington; not that he loves Ireland less, but that he loves free America more. And of all portions of the land of his adoption, from the broad Pacific to the mighty Atlantic, he finds no place that he is content to remain in like our own beloved Washington. This is not strange. It is the testimony of all who have traveled and are able to institute a comparison between this famed part of God's universe and all else that remains.  
The pocket-book joke was perpetrated last evening under amusing circumstances. That was, Johnny Cook, having no use for a pocket book, conceived the idea of filling his old wallet with putty, to give it the appearance of gold, and using it as a decoy. Placing it on the sidewalk he awaited developments. Several individuals, whose vision soared immeasurably above pell, among whom was the OLYMPIAN man, passed along without seeing the tempting object, but finally, as is ever the case, along came the sucker who never misses seeing anything. He paused a moment, quietly stooped down, picked up the wallet and slipping in his pocket, made a bee-line for an alley-way a short distance off. As he turned into this retreat, out came the pocket-book, and with trembling fingers the clasp was forced, when lo! it suddenly dawned upon the victim that he had been sold. "Did he pocket the joke?" in silence, as he pocketed a wise man under trying circumstances? Did he "acknowledge the corn" as the chastened spirit "bow down with grief" would do under like circumstances? Not a bit of it. Flinging the wallet from him, he turned in wrath and strode back to where the imperturbable Johnny was smoking his pipe with the utmost complacency, and broke out with "Where is the damned, mealy scamp who put that wallet on the sidewalk? I want to put a head on him. Show him to me, I tell you!" and he executed a war dance amid the paint-pots, while Johnny explained that the vile mis-

creant had taken passage on the Clara Brown which was just then opportunistically leaving the wharf.  
From the daily of Wednesday.  
Ed. Jeffreys is to be heard clerk at John Byrne's new store.  
A hundred housewife were washing their windows this morning.  
An army of happy drummers are spending the week in the city.  
The latest mail contract let, is from Main to Fourth streets in this city.  
Mr. Almond Gallier, a law student of La Conner, is visiting his parents in Olympia.  
The Constitutional Convention will convene at the Capitol, to-morrow, July 4th, at 4 p. m.  
Booths and tents are being erected upon every vacant corner for the sale of popular gimcracks.  
Carpenters are at work extending the platform of the pavilion and putting seating around it.  
Mr. John Kirkish, the traveling manager of the Puget Sound Pipe factory, was in the city today.  
If you would enjoy yourself like a true American citizen, to-morrow, come down with a good railroad subscription.  
Remember that the Olympia & Chehalis Valley railroad sell round trip tickets to-morrow (the 4th) for one-half fare.  
Visitors are crowding in on us to such an extent that the hotels and lodging houses are filled to their utmost capacity.  
The markets and fruit stands, of Olympia, are teeming with mouth-watering dainties from every climate in the world.  
Send your boys into the streets to fire their crackers. Alley-ways and backyards are dangerous places to ignite explosives.  
Olympia shop windows present a bewildering vista to the small boy, in the way of pyrotechnic toys and other patriotic insignia.  
Mr. Edward F. Adams, the San Francisco manager of the A. S. Barnes publishing house made a pleasant call at this office this morning.  
A band of Squaxon Island Indians have come up to the city to see the sights and take their share in the good cheer of our country's birthday.  
About a dozen new-fangled machines for raking in the small change arrived last night, and their owners are busy driving stakes and spreading their awnings.  
The New York store has excelled all its former efforts in the decoration of its show windows this week, in a happy combination of business and patriotic emblems.  
A telegram this afternoon, announces that the Tacoma Guards, Company C, and the Mason Rifles are on board the steamer T. J. Potter, en route for this city.  
How about those genuine Havana cigars that were purchased by some of our saloon keepers from a trio of swarthy Mexicans, under the belief that they were smuggled?  
The sucker-catcher will be out to-morrow with his line and bait looking for the simple gudgeon who will bite at anything that is tempting, from a dummy wallet to a bogus watch.  
Every steamer brings large accessions to our population in the shape of members of the Convention, lobbyists, candidates and patriots who come to celebrate the nation's anniversary.  
Olympia dealers draw largely on Portland for ice this week. The prospect is that before the heated term next year, an ice machine adequate to the occasion will be established in this city.  
From the daily of Friday.  
Work is progressing vigorously on the new hotel.  
Charles Munson, like a true Olympia boy, spent the day here yesterday.  
The steamer Potter landed 875 passengers yesterday, and the Hayward 405.  
A marriage license was granted yesterday to George Shriver and Daisy J. Olney.  
The Olympia postoffice building is practically undergoing its transition period.  
L. E. Follansbee returned to-day from an extended trip to Eastern Washington.  
Miss Carrie Allen, of Spokane Falls, arrived yesterday, and will spend a few weeks in visiting friends in Olympia.  
The ball at the pavilion last night, was largely attended, and was a fitting wind-up to the festivities of the day.  
J. C. Eberly, of Walla Walla, was appointed a member of the Board of Medical Examiners by the Governor, to-day.  
The barbecue and free lunch on the public square was well patronized and immeasurably appreciated by the hungry.  
The individual is yet to be found who reports seeing a thoroughly inebriated man on the streets of Olympia yesterday.  
Mr. James M. Hays, a school-boy in this city more than thirty years ago come over from Cowitz to "take in" the Fourth.  
Miss Rebecca Henry was taken suddenly ill this morning at her desk in the County Building, and was conveyed home in a cab.  
Frank J. Hobbis, of Spokane Falls, and J. M. Hoagland, of Rooley, have been appointed to the office of notaries public by Governor Moore.  
Mr. Frank A. Pellett, of the Seattle Times is in the city, and will represent that journal during the session of the Constitutional Convention.  
An army of applicants, about equal to the Convention, are in waiting for the apportionment of the clerkships and other subordinate positions.  
The various church societies kept open lunch houses yesterday, and reaped rich harvests of small change for their devotion to a good cause.  
Various little incidents which took place yesterday, showed that the cut, purse and his limbs paid a profitable business in various portions of our crowded city.

The ball in the pavilion was protracted with the vim and merriest characteristic of everything Olympian, till the participants had each other good morning at parting.  
Mayor Govey, this afternoon, telegraphed the Mayor of Ellensburg an expression of the deep sympathy felt by our people in her great affliction, with a proffer of aid if it is needed.  
"Our enemies being judges," Olympia has received many flattering encomiums this week, emphasizing the assertion that she is one of the most beautiful cities on the Pacific coast.  
Johnny Meagher, after an absence of fourteen years in the south, has returned to the Sound, and has been visiting old friends in this city the past few days. His present home is Seattle.  
Messrs. Bush & Gaston have taken a lien on the property of the Tumwater Lumber Company, for the recovery of \$3,000, that sum being the value of logs furnished by Bush & Gaston to the lumber company.  
It seems that in the log-rolling contest, yesterday, the medal was either justly or unjustly given to George Mayo, and now comes Jack O'Hara, offering to roll logs with Mayo, for a purse of any amount, from \$100 to \$500.  
The Western Union telegraph office has been moved to Chilberg's store-room, and a branch office has been established at the Capitol. The former will be under the control of D. G. Parker, and the latter in charge of Ed. Stevens.  
A man calling himself Phil Ahren, hailing from Tacoma, was arrested yesterday, charged with an assault upon the person of a girl named Ellen Ramah, about twelve years of age. Ahren was consigned to the lock-up to await his trial to-day.  
Tom Cleary, of San Francisco, and Tom Ward, of Oregon, will spar for points on Monday night at Columbia Hall. Five ounce gloves will be used. The prize is \$250 and the gate receipts. A \$100 forfeit has been put up by each side, with Capt. Hambricht.  
Mrs. W. C. Johnston, the wife of an eminent lawyer of Oregon City and Portland, better known to the older residents of Olympia by her maiden name of Josephine DeVore, was on a visit to the Capital City yesterday, and spent several hours very pleasantly with her old time friends. She was accompanied by two of her sons.  
One of the brilliant hits of Mr. Wheelwright's address, yesterday, was to the effect that, as the name of our future State is infinitely above and beyond that of all the others in felicity of conception and import, so is its star destined to become the blazing cynosure and central point of light in the blue field of our country's sky.  
A unanimous verdict of praise is rendered on all sides for the efficient manner in which the Fourth of July Committee acquitted themselves of the onerous duties imposed upon them. So far as known not a jar or break occurred in the elaborate details of the programme, but all went like clockwork and everybody was happy.  
The man Phil Ahren, who was to have been tried before Judge Keedy to-day, got off more easily than he might have done, had the law taken its course. After sleeping over the matter, the mother, strangely enough, withdrew her complaint upon receiving \$20 damages from Ahren who was then discharged upon the payment of about \$5 costs.  
Only one runaway was reported yesterday. A team from the country came tearing down Main street, and in passing the Olympic hotel, the horses, as if bent on fun or mischief, shied to the left just enough for the pole of the wagon to rake into one of the Drewry hacks. Not much damage was done and the runaway team was stopped at Austin's stable.  
A woman, giving her name as Mrs. J. E. Otten, who came up from Tacoma yesterday on the steamer Potter, reported the loss of her purse containing two return tickets, some five or six dollars in money, a promissory note made in Santiago, Cal., for \$25, and a few other things of slight value. The purse was taken from her pocket somewhere on the way from the steamer to the pavilion.  
Mrs. Tice who lives at Tumwater very prettily, as she thought, tied up in a handkerchief yesterday, the avails of some property she had lately sold (\$450) and stuffed it into the back pocket of her dress, and came to Olympia to see the Fourth of July. While sitting on one of the benches of the platform, the professional pickpocket extorted the nice little package and that is all Mrs. Tice knows about the matter.  
The log-rolling contest at Long Bridge, on the evening of the Fourth, was won by John O'Hara with two other contestants. The prize for walking the greased pole was won by James Dollenyer. Only two of the contestants passed over the course in the bicycle race, a collision having occurred between two of the wheels which threw their riders out of the race. The committee has reserved its decision. A foot race was won by James Catlin of Tacoma, John Rutledge of this city taking the second prize.

**Law Framers.**  
They Get Down to Business and Organize.  
The delegates assembled at the Capitol at 4 p. m. (the daily of Thursday) for the membership was called by Secretary O. C. White. All responded to their names as appearing on the official list, except J. J. Travis, of Colville, George H. Jones, of Port Townsend, H. Clodius, of Skagit, and B. Schooley, of Snohomish.  
J. Z. Moore, of Spokane Falls, was elected chairman, and Allen Weir, of Port Townsend, temporary secretary.  
A committee of five was appointed on credentials as follows: Reed, of Olympia, Griffiths of Spokane, Mire of Ellensburg, Manly of Colville and Warner of Colfax.  
The Convention then adjourned to 10 a. m.  
FRIDAY, July 5, 1930.  
The Republicans in caucus last evening agreed upon a full list of officers for the Constitutional Convention: Hoyt, of Seattle, was chosen for President, Booge, of Spokane, for Chief Clerk, Wells, of Skagit, for Enrolling Clerk, Leiter, of Whitman, for Sergeant-at-Arms, Harry D. Cowles, of Olympia, for Messenger, John R. Thompson, of Vancouver, for Chaplain, C. M. Barton for Reading Clerk, and Willie Hagener for Page.  
FRIDAY, July 5th.  
Promptly at 10 o'clock this morning the members of the Constitutional Convention assembled at the Capitol and prepared to enter upon their arduous duties for the session. Their faces were fresh and gave no evidence of the previous day's celebration, showing that they are a sensible and decorous body of men and live for work.  
The Convention was called to order by the temporary chairman J. Z. Moore, and the minutes of the previous day were read by the temporary secretary Weir, and with a few minor corrections, adopted. Upon motion, a recess was then taken awaiting the report of the Committee on Credentials. At 11 o'clock the general hand-shaking and conversation the chairman pounded loudly with his gavel upon the desk and the Convention assembled and listened to the report of the Committee as read by Chairman Reed. The report was that the credentials were unanimously for seating Mr. Witham, and after considerable wrangling, the Convention finally concluded to do this but without prejudice as to the claims of the other gentlemen, should they make claim to contest the seat. Upon motion, Chief Justice Hanford was called upon to swear in the members of the Convention, which was impressively done, and not a man took the oath without feeling the duty that devolved upon him.  
The Convention, now being a regularly constituted body, C. H. Warner, of Eastern district, jumped up with a resolution to proceed to permanent organization by ballot. This was amended by Kincaid, of King county, to read by roll call. The amendment was lost and the motion prevailed. One Democrat (perhaps more) in particular, John McKee, of Mason county, vigorously opposed the roll call.  
Mr. Henry, of Thurston county, moved to adjourn until 2 o'clock p. m. Motion was overwhelmingly defeated. Nominations for President of the Convention now being in order, John P. Hoyt, of King county, was nominated by Turner of Spokane, and C. H. Warner, of Whitman, by Griffiths, also of Spokane. The ballot resulted in the election of J. P. Hoyt, he having 40 votes Turner 15, Scott 20.  
On motion, adjourned until 2 p. m.  
At the afternoon session the caucuses nominees were elected, with Levi P. Sommers as Watchman.  
The chairmen of the various committees, Griffith, Warner, Sohns and Reed a Committee on Rules of Order.  
Also Messrs. Dyer, Blacklock, and Lindsay a Committee to arrange for official reporters of the session was devoted to the minor details of organization.  
**The Suffrage Convention.**  
Their Platform of Principles.  
Friends and advocates of the cause of equal suffrage and human rights, assembled to consider what action should be taken in view of the convention of delegates to form a constitution for the State of Washington, respectfully invited the attention of Idaho and member-elect of the Constitutional Convention, held at Salmon City a few days ago.  
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A Business Men's Association has been organized at the hotel and Birmingham Bay, for the purpose of furnishing information to persons desiring to invest capital in those towns.  
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Mrs. Ione Skeels, who murdered Chas. Skeels in Spokane last winter, has applied for a writ of habeas corpus on account of ill health. Two physicians have been selected to determine her condition.  
Enterprise: A new school district has been formed in North Garfield. Superintendent Bean has appointed the following teachers: E. D. H. Foster, M. Mast, Joseph Hill, Henry McQueen and W. A. Lemon, clerk.  
The people of Tacoma contributed \$27,500 to the Seattle and Johnstown sufferers: \$2,000 of the amount was to Seattle and \$25,000 provisions besides. Tacoma did well and her generosity will long be remembered.  
The discovery of silver lodes on the west side of the Cascade mountains, on a tributary of the Skykomish, has created some talk among the people of Seattle. It is possible that the lodes made many of them rich, but it is very good.  
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that fundamental principle, is not "repugnant to the principles of the Declaration of Independence" and in contravention of the aforesaid Act of Congress.  
Resolved, That the object and purposes of the authors of the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States will not be accomplished until every American citizen has entered into the inheritance of equal liberty, equal justice and equal rights.  
Resolved, That the existing laws regulating the property rights of husband and wife, commonly known as the "Community Law" be allowed to remain upon the Statutes of the Territory, where it has been since 1890, until the same shall be repealed or amended by the Legislature of the State of Washington.  
**Weather Report.**  
The following is a summary of the meteorological report for the month of June furnished the OLYMPIAN by the Signal Service Department:  
Mean barometer, 29.48 inches.  
Number of days with rain, 27, date 23.  
Lowest barometer, 29.08, date 27.  
Monthly range of barometer, 59.  
Mean temperature, 60.  
Highest temperature, 90, date 2.  
Lowest temperature, 40, date 6.  
Monthly range of temperature, 50.  
Greatest daily range of temperature, 44.  
Least daily range of temperature, 7.  
Mean daily range of temperature, 28.  
Mean temperature for this month in 1875, 60; 1876, 57; 1877, 57; 1878, 60; 1883, 59; 1884, 58; 1885, 61; 1886, 60; 1887, 62; 1888, 61.  
Mean daily dew point, 51.  
Mean daily relative humidity, 74 per cent.  
Prevailing direction of wind, north.  
Total movement of wind, 2,732 miles.  
Highest velocity of wind and direction, 16, southwest.  
Total precipitation, 1.32 inches.  
Number of days on which .01 inch or more rain fell, 6.  
Total precipitation (in inches and hundredths) for this month in 1878, 24; 1879, 44; 1880, 1.44; 1881, 1.34; 1882, 1.90; 1883, 2.1; 1884, 3.20; 1885, 79; 1886, 1.88; 1887, 1.07; 1888, 1.30.  
Average rainfall for 10 years, for six months ending June 30th, 1890, 2.62 inches.  
Total rainfall for six months, ending June 30th, 1889, 14.73 inches.  
Deficiency in last six months 14.89 inches.  
Number of cloudless days, 20.  
Number of partly cloudy days, 3.  
Number of cloudy days, 7.  
Dates of solar halos, 23.  
EDGAR McGOVERN, Sergeant Signal Service.  
**TERRITORIAL HAPPENINGS.**  
A stock company has been formed to build a \$30,000 hotel at Cheney.  
C. E. Green, of Seattle, has started a large new furniture store at Ellensburg.  
North Yakima is happy over the speedy prospect of water works and electric lights.  
At Walla Walla, Dr. L. M. Davis is suing M. B. Ward for slander, claiming \$18,000 damages.  
By a vote of four to four, Rockford has decided to issue bonds to procure means to protect the town against fire.  
The steamer Fairhaven struck a rock in Chocomauck bay last Thursday evening, but the damage was insignificant.  
The work of grading on the Puget Sound & Gray's Harbor road is advancing as rapidly as could be expected.  
Preparations are being made for the erection of a \$40,000 saw and planing and wooden ware manufactory at Port Townsend.  
Ritzville, a town of less than 250 inhabitants, boasts of having an opera house. Ellensburg, a town of 4,000 has not one.  
By an accidental discharge of a constable's gun, on Friday last, S. E. King, of Walla Walla county was shot and killed.  
The Tacoma mill company is loading a 300,000 foot raft of lumber for Seattle, to be used in new buildings under construction.  
The Walla Walla street cars began running regularly on Friday last. The drivers receiving \$12 a week and the cars stop running at 8:30 p. m.  
Ex-Governor Squire last Friday filed his answer to the complaint in the suit for \$25,000 damages brought against him by J. O. Hanegan at Seattle.  
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At a recent meeting of the City Council of Seattle the replat of the Fourth district was considered. A new water system is also being discussed, and Seattle promises to be in all respects a better city than it was before the fire.  
Last week about twenty-five citizens, mostly young men, met in Walla Walla and organized a progressive club. The object is to advance the interests of the city, eradicate mossbacks and secure the election of progressive men to office.  
The wife of William Norris, living between Moses and Grand Coulee, about 38 miles from Waterville suicided recently, by shooting herself in the breast with a revolver. Domestic trouble and jealousy seem to be the prime cause of the act. She was 28 years old.  
There are all kinds of men in this world. One representing himself to be a priest has been soliciting relief for the Johnstown and Seattle sufferers, at Spokane Falls, and carefully put the result of his solicitations down in his own pockets. It is hard to classify such a man.  
Charles Looney, living in Walla Walla while crossing the Oregon & Washington Territory railroad track, a few days ago, was run into by a hand car which knocked him and his wagon off the ground, throwing him violently to the ground, with the result of a badly bruised head and shoulders.  
The plans for a magnificent new opera house have been received at Spokane Falls, and the edifice will be built in massive proportions. The architect that it will be one of the finest in the United States and that it will be a credit to the city after it has attained a population of hundreds of thousands.  
The Ellensburg Register publishes the following editorial: "We have it on good authority that the Northern Pacific railroad has caused to be shipped to Olympia a large amount of wines, liquors and cigars, to be used in their interest during the session of the Constitutional Convention, which meets there July 4th."  
During a domestic row in old Tacoma Monday night an Italian named Rampodo, shot and killed an Indian woman said to be his wife, and during the melee, bit off a portion of the ear of a rival for his dusky spouse's affection. After committing the murder he dropped his gun and escaped. The officers are in pursuit of the fugitive.  
The export of lumber from the Sound for the year ending June 30 amounts to over \$8,000,000, and that of coal to over \$4,000,000. Our exports in wool, wheat and flour are another million. Quite a respectable output for the Northwest. According to present appearances we should double our export trade during the present year, and our business men mean to.

F. C. Smith, who was arrested at Seattle by Deputy Sheriff Woolery, supposed to be the Bucoda burglar, turned out to be another Smith. H. B. McAllister, in answer to Woolery's summons came to that city for the purpose of identifying the man, but on seeing him at once declared he was not the man wanted, upon which Smith was given his liberty.  
Considerable complaint is made by the captains of the steamers plying between Montesano and other points, with regard to the obstruction in the river between the Central wharf and the Woolery wharf. They have good reasons for complaining, as logs and snags have been accumulating in the bend of the river for years, and are a serious obstruction to the navigation of the river.  
Articles of incorporation of the Columbia & Cascade City Railroad Company were filed at Spokane Falls on the 22d inst., with a capital stock of \$500,000. The object is to build a railroad from Colville through the Kootenai valley to a point on the boundary line between British Columbia and the United States, with a view to the connection of the Spokane & Northern with the Canadian Pacific.  
There is not a very cheerful prospect ahead for the farmers of Lincoln county this season, and a large number of them have good cause for complaint. The spring of 1889 opened out with the most flattering prospects, and up to the 1st of June it was confidently thought that nothing could prevent the harvesting of an unusual heavy crop. But the prospective meteorological conditions of the season are not safe to bet on.  
**General News.**  
Special to the EVENING OLYMPIAN.  
**Railroad Wreck.**  
DUBUQUE, Iowa, July 5.—At ten o'clock last night a wreck occurred on the Chicago, St. Paul & Kansas City Railroad, about six miles east of this city. The Grand Army had been having a picnic at Twin Springs Resort, on the road above named, about three miles from Dubuque. Over 5,000 people were on hand and trains were being run every hour from Dubuque to the picnic grounds. The carrying accommodations of the railroad company consisted of two passenger coaches, two stock cars provided with seats, and nine cabooses. Five hundred people were transported to the picnic grounds, and being brought home again when the accident occurred.  
The excursion train had just landed 1,200 people in this city, and was returning for the remainder of the crowd from the picnic grounds. The women and children, when it collided with the freight train enroute for Dubuque. Only the most mercurial participants are obtainable. Railroad officials are extremely reticent about furnishing information. A large number of people on the excursion train were going up to pass a few hours at the train, and it is believed that many were killed.  
**The Ellensburg Fire.**  
ELLENSBURGH, W. T., July 5.—At 11 p. m. last night a fire broke out in J. S. Anthony's grocery on Main street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, and by a brick west it rapidly destroyed the whole business portion of Ellensburg, with the exception of the First National Bank and Lynch Block.  
It is now 11:35 a. m., and the fire is spreading among the residences in the southeastern part of the city. The streets are crowded with teams and drays moving goods to places of safety. The water supply is inadequate and the firemen have had to haul water with which to fight the flames. There has been no fatalities, nor has any one been injured so far as known. About fourteen blocks are destroyed. The loss cannot fall short of one million dollars. The fire started in a building on the east by Sprague street, on the west by Water street, and extends from Fifth to Second.  
3:45 p. m.—The fire is under control at the present time. There is no danger of its spreading further. The citizens are organizing for the protection of their property.

**Passenger List.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, July 3.—The steamer City of Ptolebo, sailed for Victoria and Puget Sound points, this morning with the following passengers: Victoria, B. J. Taylor, Mr. John M. L. Fulton, E. D. Healey, J. Templeton, H. B. Pringles, S. Simpson, R. Simpson and wife, R. Bradford, Mr. Armstrong, T. Hunt, F. M. Kennedy, A. C. Keith and wife, Miss S. Keith, Mrs. J. B. Dwyer, P. O. Lague, Mr. F. Buckland and daughter, A. C. Pegg and wife, E. Blackwood, J. O. Waite, Mrs. Miller, W. F. Adams, Mrs. H. Norton, Mrs. J. Smith and two children, R. E. Lewis, F. Booth, T. H. Beach, Mrs. D. R. Newell and son, Mrs. R. P. Henry, M. John, J. A. Opper, W. P. Francis and wife, Mrs. J. R. Forbes, P. Everett, D. N. Campbell, M. Alexander, W. B. Davis, W. E. Beach.  
Tacoma.—Mrs. R. E. McAdams, Miss W. W. J. Parker and wife, S. Sadler, M. Jacob, C. S. Vischer.  
**Departure of Alaska Commissioners.**  
CHICAGO, July 2.—Senators Dawes of Massachusetts, Stonebridge of Michigan, Anderson of Nebraska, Jones of Arkansas and Walcott of Colorado, comprising the Senate Committee to investigate the condition and requirements of present and proposed Indian schools in Alaska, left here to-day. The committee go from here direct to Port Townsend via Omaha and Tacoma, where the Government steamer Albatross will be at their disposal until July 25th, by which time they expect to return to Port Townsend, and after spending a few days in Washington Territory they will return East about the 1st of August. The trip will be an extensive one, and after visiting most of the northern group of islands just off the main coast, the committee will then make their way west to investigate the condition and requirements of present and proposed Indian schools in Alaska, left here to-day. 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